

The Lord's Day Morning

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**Jackson First – Mobile, Alabama – Government Street  
Good Friday Services**

**“Behold Thy Mother”**

**Luke 1:26-38**

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Text: John 19:25-26

Introduction:

1. Great privilege to be here
2. Speak on 3 or 4 sayings of Christ
3. This hour, 3<sup>rd</sup>: “Behold Thy Mother”
4. There are many lessons from this saying
  - a. Let me try and be helpful.

I. Great privilege brings great suffering

1. Mary was blessed among women – Luke 1:28
  - a. Used to fulfill prophecies
    1. Genesis 3:15
    2. Isaiah 7:14
  - b. She was mother of Lord
    1. He came into world helpless
    2. She cared for Him
  - c. What a great privilege
2. But what suffering
  - a. Had to lay babe in a manger
  - b. Had to flee with Him to Egypt
  - c. Saw Him despised
  - d. Now saw Him dying – Luke 2:35 – sword pierce through thy own soul
  - e. She was outcast from her whole family
3. She remained faithful to Him
  - a. She did not faint
  - b. She did not cry out
  - c. Others forsook Him
  - d. She remained with Him
4. It costs to love

II. Christ perfect man setting example of responsibilities

1. Christ discharged all His obligations toward God
  - a. All things I have heard of my Father, have I done

- b. He was now performing the most important task ever performed in the world or universe
      - 1. He was dying as Savior of the world
  - 2. Yet He recognized human relationships
    - a. Here was His mother
      - 1. Joseph probably dead
      - 2. He felt responsibility
        - i. Family probably had forsaken her
    - b. He reiterated the commandment, “Honor thy father and mother.”
      - 1. Finger of God wrote it on Sanai
      - 2. Christ demonstrates it again here
  - 3. We should remember all obligations
    - a. One cannot fully be human without fulfilling divine
    - b. Two commandments
    - c. How do we treat our parents?
      - 1. Not only young
      - 2. But we older folks
  - 4. Christ set us a great example
    - a. Here is marvelous blending of His perfection

### III. John returned to faithfulness of Christ

- 1. Matthew 26:31 – Jesus said all would forsake
- 2. Matthew 26:35 – They all declared they would not
- 3. Matthew 26:56 – All forsook Him
  - a. They were offended, scandalized
- 4. They, for the time, did not have grace sufficient to face temptation.
  - a. Christ was left alone
- 5. John came to the cross
  - a. Found standing with Mary
- 6. Christ is waiting for some of us to come back to Him
  - a. We may have forsaken at some time
  - b. Let us return to Him now

### IV. There was one Christ could trust

- 1. John loved Him
  - a. Returned
- 2. Now Christ committed something precious to him
- 3. Behold thy Son – Behold thy mother
- 4. Christ has something He would commit to us
  - a. We will find it at the cross
- 5. At this season may we learn these lessons
  - a. Great privileges bring great suffering
    - 1. To love is to get hurt
  - b. We should follow Christ’s example of fulfilling duty to God and man.
  - c. Should hear call to return to Christ in faithfulness
  - d. Should assume task He has for us